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APRIL U.S. TRADE IN LIVESTOCK, MEAT, AND MEAT PRODUCTS

U.S. exports of livestock, meat, and meat products were valued at $116 million in April—down about 17 percent from the March record of $140 million, but almost double those in April of last year. Continued higher per unit export prices for cattle hides have accounted for most of the value gains over a year ago. Cattle hide exports through the first 4 months of 1973 are also running above a year ago, but April exports at 1.3 million pieces turned down from their January-March monthly average of 1.7 million pieces.

April imports of livestock, meat, and meat products were valued at $170 million, a new value high. Record per unit prices for boneless beef imports provided a substantial portion of the gain over previous months. Boneless beef imports on the average were valued at 73 cents per pound in April, compared with 67 cents in March, and 55 cents in April 1972.

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Livestock, meat and meat products: Value of U.S. exports, April and January-April 1973, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	April		January-April		Percent change from 1972	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	April	January-April
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	Percent	Percent
Beef and veal	4,507	7,033	15,448	24,516	+56	+59
Pork	4,529	21,789	8,538	55,257	+381	+547
Goat, lamb and mutton (except canned)	54	96	327	405	+78	+24
Sausage, bologna and frankfurters	211	307	881	1,379	+45	+57
Other meat products:						
Canned 2/	308	771	1,409	2,626	+150	+86
Specialties 3/	218	272	866	954	+25	+10
Variety meats	5,701	10,350	24,614	36,424	+82	+48
Hog, and other natural casings	760	1,587	3,601	5,110	+109	+42
Lard	1,011	1,604	6,718	5,498	+59	-18
Tallow and greases 4/	12,822	17,533	61,354	76,731	+37	+25
Fine animal hair	1,072	685	6,058	3,313	-36	-45
Other animal hair	495	78	2,315	519	-84	-78
Hides and skins	15,630	30,706	60,954	155,907	+96	+156
Furskins	5,444	11,690	38,792	59,193	+115	+53
Miscellaneous animal by-products	1,875	4,811	7,242	16,572	+157	+129
Livestock:						
Cattle and calves	5,498	4,882	11,773	18,145	-11	+54
Sheep and lambs	221	155	416	431	-30	+4
Hogs	212	114	836	636	-46	-24
Horses, asses, mules and burros	237	1,874	3,864	9,900	+691	+156
Total 5/	60,806	116,339	256,004	473,518	+91	+85

1/ Preliminary.
2/ Includes canned meats and canned baby food.
3/ Frozen dinners, casseroles, and other meat products.
4/ Includes edible and inedible tallow and greases.
5/ May not add due to rounding.

Livestock, meat and meat products: Value of U.S. imports, April and January-April 1973, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	April		January-April		Percent change from 1972	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	April	January-April
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	Percent	Percent
Beef and veal	59,511	75,846	218,970	284,203	+27	+30
Pork	26,430	38,443	118,505	121,765	+45	+3
Lamb, mutton and goat	5,036	2,598	8,938	8,780	-49	-2
Other meats 2/	370	373	2,537	2,670	+1	+5
Mixed sausage	306	458	1,414	1,661	+50	+17
Variety meats	173	137	641	923	-21	+44
Meat extract	475	573	2,101	2,033	+21	-3
Casings of animal origin	2,100	2,580	8,770	8,440	+23	-4
Miscellaneous animal by-products	7,331	7,058	30,201	29,343	-4	-3
Lard	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tallow and greases 3/	38	328	239	397	+763	+66
Wool (clean basis):						
Apparel	2,776	3,085	6,311	14,435	+11	+129
Carpet	4,211	3,995	13,669	16,188	-5	+18
Animal hair	362	334	1,619	2,234	-8	+38
Hides and skins 4/	5,726	9,313	22,038	33,266	+63	+51
Furskins	3,969	9,149	21,552	36,024	+131	+67
Livestock:						
Cattle	11,042	13,717	52,077	69,458	+24	+33
Sheep	1	1	35	121	---	+246
Hogs	645	603	2,994	1,657	-7	-45
Horses, asses, mules and burros	851	1,166	3,531	3,589	+37	+2
Total	131,353	169,757	516,142	637,187	+29	+23

1/ Preliminary.
2/ Mostly mixed luncheon meats.
3/ Includes edible and inedible tallow and greases.
4/ Beginning 1964, includes value of hides and skins imported in pounds only.

U.S. imports of meat, April and January-April 1973, with comparisons

Imports	April	January-April
	Million pounds	Million pounds
1973		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/	97.9	390.8
Total beef and veal 2/	104.4	432.4
Total red meat 3/	147.2	587.5
1972		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/	105.4	348.5
Total beef and veal 2/	106.7	398.4
Total red meat 3/	157.4	589.5
1971		
Subject to Meat Import Law 1/	86.2	323.0
Total beef and veal 2/	100.2	371.1
Total red meat 3/	138.3	528.7

1/ Fresh, chilled and frozen beef, veal, mutton and goatmeat, including rejections.

2/ All forms, including canned and preserved.

3/ Total beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton and goat.

U.S. imports of meat subject to Meat Import Law,
April, January-April 1973, with comparisons 1/ 2/

Country of origin	April		January-April		Percent change from 1972 Jan.-Apr.
	1972	1973	1972	1973	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Percent
Australia	63,353	40,473	164,955	173,246	+5
New Zealand	17,056	27,267	56,502	75,537	+34
Mexico	5,262	2,953	27,084	32,425	+20
Costa Rica	6,314	9,105	27,683	31,058	+12
Nicaragua	3,026	6,512	17,219	21,274	+24
Guatemala	1,334	2,585	8,202	16,028	+95
Honduras	1,131	2,523	6,115	14,098	+131
Canada	4,738	4,056	16,985	13,903	-18
Dominican Republic	1,330	1,376	3,921	5,569	+42
El Salvador	---	292	---	3,167	---
Ireland	1,340	612	17,728	2,614	-85
Panama	204	98	1,349	1,116	-17
Haiti	358	77	701	647	-8
United Kingdom	---	---	37	114	+208
Total 3/	105,446	97,926	348,481	390,796	+12

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Fresh, frozen and chilled beef, veal, mutton and goatmeat, including rejections. Excludes canned meat and other prepared or preserved meat products.

3/ May not add due to rounding.

Meat and selected livestock products: U.S. exports
April and January-April 1973, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	April 1972	April 1973	January-April 1972	January-April 1973
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Animal fats:				
Lard	8,483	10,747	59,746	41,306
Tallow and greases:				
Inedible	171,181	178,181	792,703	835,066
Edible	1,169	1,472	4,392	4,338
Meats:				
Beef and veal	4,763	5,345	15,230	20,386
Pork	9,884	29,872	19,570	78,920
Goat, lamb, and mutton	54	123	390	476
Sausages	258	368	1,140	1,789
Meat specialties	367	701	1,432	2,345
Other canned	436	1,001	2,323	4,070
Total red meats 2/	15,763	37,410	40,086	107,987
Variety meats	18,616	24,477	80,045	90,171
Sausage casings (animal origin)	1,117	1,272	4,598	4,515
Animal hair, including mohair	3,072	843	16,325	5,138
Hides and skins:				
Cattle parts	1,453	2,264	5,200	9,329
	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces
Cattle	1,146	1,340	5,256	6,440
Calf	234	121	573	614
Kip	40	9	146	116
Sheep and lamb	620	741	1,816	2,347
Horse	17	8	33	53
Goat and kid	4	---	103	26
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Livestock:				
Cattle and calves	15,567	9,481	30,863	31,190
Sheep, lambs, and goats	13,860	10,769	28,441	37,279
Hogs	1,867	1,267	5,290	5,098
Horses, asses, mules, and burros	1,738	4,077	4,863	38,891

1/ Preliminary.
2/ May not add due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce
Bureau of the Census

U.S. imports of meat and selected livestock products,
April and January-April 1973, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	April		January-April	
	1972	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Red meats:				
Beef and veal:				
Fresh, chilled, or frozen:				
Bone-in beef	749	1,136	3,494	3,084
Boneless beef	90,187	94,552	323,340	370,280
Prepared items	3,429	1,006	14,753	3,415
Veal	2,100	1,866	7,112	11,701
Prepared or preserved:				
Canned:				
Corned	5,576	3,162	30,740	25,259
Other	834	489	5,793	4,990
Other	3,567	2,095	12,283	12,847
Sausage	272	104	897	844
Total beef and veal 2/	106,714	104,411	398,413	432,420
Pork:				
Fresh, chilled, or frozen	5,015	5,652	23,948	17,519
Canned:				
Hams and shoulders	26,288	28,871	120,144	101,453
Other	1,681	1,815	8,337	7,140
Cured	409	256	1,620	1,273
Sausage	373	350	1,833	2,298
Total pork 2/	33,766	36,945	155,882	129,683
Mutton and goat	12,410	371	14,535	5,730
Lamb	3,223	4,460	12,478	12,651
Sausage-mixed	456	516	2,072	2,092
Other meats	802	532	6,130	4,952
Total red meats 2/	157,371	147,233	589,509	587,528
Variety meats	627	464	2,402	2,414
Edible and inedible tallow and grease	374	3,608	1,159	4,332
Meat extract	63	117	408	509
Wool (clean basis):				
Dutiable	3,765	2,012	9,294	10,482
Duty-free	8,056	3,561	27,371	15,650
Total wool 2/	11,821	5,573	36,664	26,132
Animal hair (clean basis)	354	214	1,612	1,495
Hides and skins:				
Cattle parts	160	223	628	532
Sheep skins pickled and split	695	1,004	3,289	4,054
	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces	1,000 pieces
Cattle	30	52	79	180
Calf and kip	20	20	75	64
Buffalo	30	8	133	81
Sheep and lamb	2,139	1,546	7,424	5,776
Goat and kid	275	237	1,162	898
Horse	5	9	63	36
Pig	8	15	66	80
	Number	Number	Number	Number
Livestock:				
Cattle	98,206	81,346	462,099	444,595
Sheep	2	1	1,029	3,562
Hogs	7,378	5,772	43,177	16,348
Horses, asses, mules, and burros	407	216	992	951

1/ Preliminary.
2/ May not add due to rounding.

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